Claims:

22. (currently amended) A personal assistant system, comprising:

a personal assistant;

an electronic physician data module for collecting, storing, processing, and referencing information, the electronic physician data module being in said personal assistant;

an automated data collection module for inputting a patient identifier and relating said identifier with said information, the automated data collection module being in said personal assistant;

a sound recording device integral with said personal assistant; ~~and~~

a dictation module for electronically storing recorded voice from said sound recording device as a voice file, the automated dictation module being adapted to associate said voice file with said information; and

a voice to text module for translating said voice file into a text file.

23. (previously presented) The system of claim 22, further comprising an information transmission device integral with said personal assistant.

24. (previously presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the information transmission device is a laser configured to read bar codes.

25. (previously presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the information transmission device is a magnetic strip reader.

26. (previously presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the information transmission device is an infra-red beam.

27. (previously presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the information transmission device is an alpha-numeric scanner.

28. (previously presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the information transmission device is a radio frequency transceiver.

29. (previously presented) The system of claim 22, further comprising a connection to an external computer.

30. (currently amended) A method of automatically associating information with an individual identified by an identifier, said method comprising:

storing said information in a personal assistant;

recording a voice file associated with said information;

reading an identifier and relating said identifier with said voice file;

translating said voice file into a text file; and

automatically associating the identifier with the information.

31. (previously presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the step of reading scans a bar code uniquely associated with the individual.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of providing a physician with a second bar code associated with information.

33. (previously presented) The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of scanning the second bar code.

34. (previously presented) The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of associating the information associated with the second bar code with the information.

35. (previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising the step of transferring the information to a computer.

36. (previously presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the identifier is a bar code.

37. (previously presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the information transmission device is a laser configured to read bar codes.

38. (currently amended) A software program for operating a personal assistant system, comprising:

a personal assistant;

an electronic physician data module for collecting, storing, processing, and referencing information, the electronic physician data module being in said personal assistant;

an automated data collection module for inputting a patient identifier and relating said identifier with said information, the automated data collection module being in said personal assistant;

a sound recording device integral with said personal assistant; ~~and~~

a dictation module for electronically storing recorded voice from said sound recording device as a voice file, the automated dictation module being adapted to associate said voice file with said information; and

a voice to text module for translating said voice file into a text file.

39. (previously presented) The software program of claim 38, wherein said automated data collection module accepts data gathered by an information transmission device.

40. (previously presented) The software program of claim 38, wherein the electronic physician data module associates a patient record with a patient.

41. (previously presented) The software program of claim 40, wherein said association occurs via data gathered by an information transmission device.